

2013 Needs Assessment for Choctaw County

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Accomplishments

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Teen Drug Prevention Program

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
The Court Referral Officer Program AA program	Drug Education in schools. Counseling services - inpatient and outpatient. Mentoring Programs Boys and Girls Club Structured afterschool activities

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Educate parents and teens on the consequences of drug use.
2. Hold parents responsible for the actions of their children.
3. Place signs and billboards throughout the county warning about the dangers of substance abuse.
4. Buy DVDs about drug use to educate children.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Parental Involvement

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Early Warning Court	Parent Project Support groups Activities for families Counseling services

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Educate and work with parents to encourage more involvement in their child's future.
2. Reality check and encourage parents to volunteer.
3. Parent Project
4. Encourage more fun family activities in the county.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Birth to unwed teens

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	School based programs to address the dangers of unprotected sex. Mentoring programs Parenting Classes sponsored by the Alabama Extension Service

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Provide parenting classes sponsored by the Alabama Extension Office.
2. Provide literature/increase awareness on teen pregnancy, STD's, HIV, and AIDS.
3. Continue to work with the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.
4. Work with the community to provide sex education and abstinence based programs.